

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-17 Building Date: ca. 1880's
Building Name: Joshua Turner House
Location: 8801 Frank Tippet Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Joshua Turner House is on a wooded lot east of Frank Tippet Road, on an unpaved drive. The house is a large, frame structure, two-and- one-half stories in height, with irregular plan. It is sided with stucco, has a slate shingle roof and one-and-one-half story kitchen addition on the west facade. The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch panels; a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by door-sized 4/6 windows. The second story has five 4/4 windows, with louvered shutters. There is decorative vertical paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak surmounting the southeast three bays. The one-story entrance porch on the main facade wraps around and continues for two bays on the north facade. It has a wide cornice, chamfered wood posts and jig-sawn brackets. There are two corbelled brick chimneys, on the slope of the east and north gables. The three-bay north facade has a projecting gable end with decorative paneling in the gable peak. The west (rear) facade has a central projecting bay with the double rear entrance. On the northwest corner is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The house interior has high ceilings, a wide central hall with two north parlors and one south parlor. There are floral plaster medallions centered on the parlor ceilings and marble mantels with round arch openings.

Significance

The Turner House is significant as a handsome ca. 1880's vernacular dwelling with an elegant interior and elements of Queen Anne style. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts were significant in the eighteenth century as the site of an eighteenth century Brooke family plantation. Popular Neck, the plantation house, which has disappeared since a HABS photograph in 1936, was located farther south than the Turner property. The Turner house was built by 1888. The irregular plan, gable decoration and high corbelled chimneys are elements of Queen Anne style. The elegant entrance way, high ceilings with decorative plasterwork and the marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate. Turner was a partner in J.J. Turner and Company, specializing in Guanos and Fertilizers. The property was split between Turner and his partner; Turner kept 550 acres, part of Mt. Airy, His Lordships Kindness and Poplar Neck. Turner's heirs sold the property in 1913.

Acreage: 6 acres

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua Turner House (Dersin House)

and/or common Joshua Turner House (Dersin House)

2. Location

street & number 8801 Frank Tippet Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Cheltenham

☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Gladman

street & number 8801 Frank Tippet Road

telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro

state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5041

street & number Main Street folio 213

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites & District Plan Inventory

date July 1981

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale

state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. ⁹⁶ 82A-17

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch panels, a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by four door-sized 4/6 double hung sash windows. The second story has five 4/4 windows, all with louvered shutters. There is a front cross gable over the southeast three bays, with two adjoining 4/4 windows in the attic story, and decorative vertical paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak.

There is a one-story entrance porch across the east facade which wraps around and continues for two bays across the north facade. It has a flat roof and wide (deteriorated) cornice resting on chamfered wood posts with jig-sawn brackets. There are two interior, high corbelled brick chimneys, one on the north slope of the east gable and the other on the east slope of the north gable. There is a plain boxed cornice with crown molding and overhanging eaves.

The three-bay north facade has a projecting gable end with one 2/2 window in the attic story and decorative paneling in the gable peak, identical to that in the east gable peak. The two-bay south facade has two gable dormers and a hip roof first story projecting bay with two 2/2 windows. The west (rear) facade has a central projecting bay with the double rear entrance. Centered above this bay in the attic story is a gable roof dormer. A cross gable over the south two bays has the same treatment as those on the north and east facade. On the northwest corner is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The west gable end is unfenestrated and has a shed roof porch sheltering a bulkhead cellar entrance.

The interior of the Turner House has a high ceiling, and a wide interior hall with two parlors to the north and one parlor and a wide stair hall to the south. There is a floral plaster medallion centered on the ceiling of each parlor. The fireplaces have marble mantels with round arch openings.

There are a number of outbuildings on the six-acre property, which is a family business of boarding and training horses. Most are twentieth century.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #82A-17

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca. 1880's Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Turner House (Dersin House) is a large, handsome ca. 1880's dwelling with an elegant interior and elements of Queen Anne style. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts included, Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness, prominent estates since the eighteenth century.

The irregular plan, gable decoration and high corbelled chimneys of the Turner house are elements of Queen Anne style. The elegant entrance way, high ceilings with decorative plasterwork and the marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate.

The house does not appear on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of the County. Turner is assessed for taxes on it by 1888.¹ Turner was a partner in J.J. Turner and Company of Baltimore, specializing in guanos and fertilizers.² The 1,000 acres of property was divided by the partners³, Turner retaining 550 acres, parts of Mt. Airy, His Lordship Kindness and Poplar Neck. Turner's heirs sold the property in 1913.⁴

There were old outbuildings on the Turner property. A small log cabin behind the Turner house, torn down in the 1950's, contained an eighteenth century receipt for lumber.⁶ In a rural part of the County, this house in the twentieth century was connected with a commercial chicken farm and presently, a horse boarding and training business.

Notes

¹ Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, 1888, 12,216, 11th District.

² "Joshua J. Turner and Company," Baltimore City Directory, 1871.

³ Land Records of Prince George's County, W.A.J. 1:483.

⁴ Ibid. 79:531.

⁵ Prince George's Post, Thursday, August 24, 1972, pg. B-3.

⁶ Conversation with William Gladmon, April 1985.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 76-82A-17

See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6 acres
Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section H

Tax Map 118, parcel 91

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1985street & number 14743 Govenor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

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state Maryland county Prince George's

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<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
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The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch upper panels, a three-light transom and large rectangular one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by four door-sized 4/6 double-hung sash windows with louvered shutters. The second story has five 4/4 windows, all with louvered shutters. The north two bays are surmounted by a flat roof. There is a gable over the south-east three bays, with two adjoining 4/4 windows in the attic story, and decorative paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak. This fan is repeated in the north and west - facing gables also.

The one-story entrance porch crosses the east facade, wraps around and continues for two bays across the north facade. It has a flat roof and wide boxed crown-molded cornice resting on chamfered wood posts with jig-sawn brackets. The low wooden porch floor rests on a parged brick base. There are two interior, high corbelled brick chimneys visible from the main elevation, one on the north slope of the east gable and the other on the east slope of the north gable. The house has a plain boxed cornice with crown molding and overhanging eaves.

The three-bay north facade has a projecting two bay gable end with one 2/2 window in the attic story and decorative paneling in the gable peak. The entrance porch wraps around from the main facade and shelters the east bay of the north facade. The windows have surrounds with a plain inner board and backband.

The two-bay south facade has two central gable dormers, sided and roofed with slate shingles. There is a hip roof first story bay with two 2/2 windows projecting from the east half of the facade. The west half has a window between first and second stories which light the interior stair landing.

The west (rear) facade has a one-story central projecting bay containing the double rear entrance. A gable over the south two bays has the same treatment as those on the north and east facade. On the northwest half of the facade is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The west gable end is unfenestrated and has a shed roof porch sheltering a bulkhead cellar entrance. The east side mirrors the west side, having an entrance door and a window and two gable dormers surmounting the facade.

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The interior of the Turner House has high ceilings, and a wide central hall with two parlors to the north and one parlor and the main staircase to the south. There is an oval floral plaster medallion centered on the ceiling of each parlor, and the hall. There are elaborate coved plaster cornices in the hall and parlors. The fireplaces, located in each of the parlors, have grey marble mantels with round arch openings and incised floral and geometric designs. The northeast parlor has a hearth set in a diagonal wall in the northwest corner of the room.

The location of the staircase, in an ell south of the main hall, is unusual. The open string stair has jig-sawn brackets and two turned balusters to a step. The newel is a heavy turned post on a circular base.

The second story has four bedrooms opening off of a central rectangular hall. The four-panel doors are surmounted by two-light transoms. The elaborate two-step surrounds are the same as those on the first story. The southeast bedroom has a ceiling medallion and coved plaster cornice like the details on the first story. Three of the bedrooms have marble mantels. The stair to the finished third story has access through a door in the second floor hall, opposite the main stair.

There are a number of outbuildings on the six-acre property, which is run as a family business of boarding and training horses. All date to the recent twentieth century except a low gable roof frame shed north of the house which has an early 20th century date.

The Joshua J. Turner property was originally a 550 acre farm. Three tenant houses and at least two large barns were on the property in the early 20th century. One tenant house stood along the farm road just southwest of the main house, but this building is now in ruins. The six acre parcel that surrounds the Turner House and could be designated as its environmental setting contains the gravel entry drive lined by maple trees, the front yard with several old pin oaks, a gravel farm road lined by cedars which runs south behind the house and loops back to intersect Frank Tippet Road south of the main entrance, and the twentieth century horse-related buildings north of the house.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#82A-17

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates ca. 1880's

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Turner House is significant as a large, handsome ca. 1880's dwelling with an elegant interior and exterior elements of Queen Anne style. The relatively unaltered character of the interior and the elegance of the interior details makes the dwelling unusual and outstanding in the County. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts included Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness, prominent estates since the eighteenth century.

The projecting gables, gable decoration, high corbelled chimneys and entrance porch with arched jig-sawn brackets are elements of Queen Anne style which enliven an otherwise restrained exterior. The Turner house may have had decorative exterior wall covering such as wood shingle in addition to the original horizontal lapped wood siding. The house was covered with stucco in 1934 and the character of the original siding is not known. The entranceway composed of double doors with round-arch panels and the high ceilings, decorative plaster medallions, coved plaster cornices and marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate.

Turner purchased 1,000 acres, parts of Mt. Airy, His Lordship's Kindness and Poplar Neck in 1867.¹ He was a partner in Joshua J. Turner and Company of Baltimore, specializing in guanos and fertilizers.² He divided the property with his former partner in 1880 and retained 550 acres.³ The house was not constructed at the time of this division but Turner was taxed for it in 1888.⁴ The Turner family apparently were never permanent residents, as they did not appear in the 1900 or 1910 U.S. Census for Prince George's County. Turner died in 1889 and his heirs sold the property in 1913.⁵

The Poplar Neck tract was the site of an 18th century Brooke family plantation. The estate house, located south of the Turner property, was photographed in 1936 by the historic American Buildings Survey and was destroyed some time after that to create the Naval Communications Station at Cheltenham.⁶

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The Turner property originally was a 550 acre farm containing three tenant houses and at least two large barns. During the 1930's it functioned as a chicken farm and there were several large frame chicken houses west of the house. The six acre parcel now surrounding the Turner House does not contain historic outbuildings although it does contain a farm road and historic plantings.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, FS 4:392.
- 2 Baltimore City Directories, 1861-1890.
- 3 Land Records, Equity 1274, 23 April 1880.
- 4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, District 11, 1888.
- 5 Equity 3948; 79:531.
- 6 Prince George's Post, Thursday, August 23, 1972, p. B-3.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Tax Map 118, parcel 91

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section H

Quadrangle scale _____

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Acreage: 6 acres

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HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for

REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

NAME Dersin House				
AND/OR HISTORIC				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8801 4106 Frank Tippet Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		

3. CLASSIFICATION				
TYPE OF PROPERTY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Clement Dersin				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4106 Frank Tippet Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		

LOCATION OF LEGAL RECORDS Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____				
FEDERAL: <input type="checkbox"/> STATE: <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY: <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL: <input type="checkbox"/>				
CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____				

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☐ Good☒ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure of irregular plan. Across the main (east) facade is a porch with bracketed posts. The facade has 4/6 double hung sash on the ground floor; the window sills sit at the floor level of the porch. The rest of the windows are 4/4 double hung sash. Along the sidewall of the rear wing is a large internal chimney for a fireplace flue.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 6 Aug 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Chain of Title
Joshua J. Turner
House
P.G. #82A-17

5041:213
29 Dec. 1978
Deed
Florence E. Dersin, surviving tenant by the Entirety of Clement Dersin (d. 2 May 1978) to William T. Gladmon and Ann L. Gladmon, his wife, 6 acres, same property acquired by Dersins by #3874:701.

3874:701
21 Sept. 1970
Deed
Norman S. Smith to Clement Dersin and Florence E. Dersin, 6 acres being part of the land acquired by Smith by #2116:386.

2116:386
17 June 1957
Deed
Hannah M. Smith and Harry C. Smith, her husband, to Norman S. Smith, 106 acres being part of a tract of 478.08 acres obtained by Hannah M. Smith by #400:156.

400:156
6 July 1933
Deed
First National Bank of Southern Maryland to Hannah M. Smith, all those tracts of land being parts of "Mt. Airy," "Poplar Neck," and "His Lordship's Kindness," containing 478.08 acres also known as Lots numbered 1-5 inclusive, 12-15 inclusive, 17-24 inclusive of the Leo J. Long Farm, as shown on an unrecorded plat. Same tracts described in Equity #1274.

317:175
1 March 1929
Mortgage
Leo J. and Lizzie M. Long, to First National Bank of Southern Maryland. Longs are indebted to bank for \$17,000 to be repaid 3 years after this date. To better secure payment, thos mortgage is executed - granting 550.05 acres of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness - obtained from Clerk Riddle and Norman Ryon.

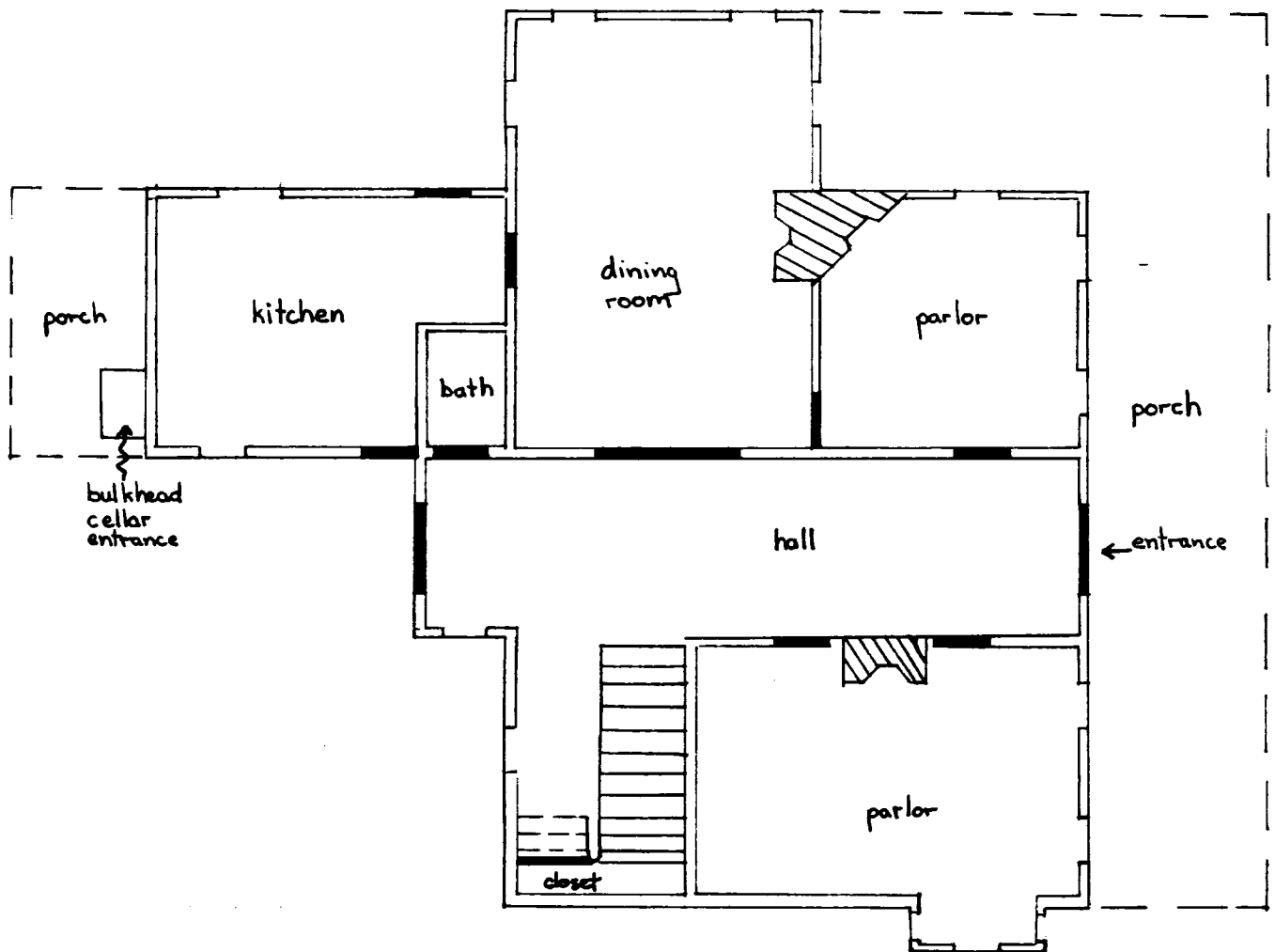
158:93
6 May 1920
Deed
Clark and Belle Riddle to Leo J. Long for \$10.00 grantors convey that parcel obtained from the Co-Operative Improvements, Co. 3 May 1920.

119:473
12 June 1917
Deed
Norman R. Ryon and Mary Shipley Ryon to Leo J. Long. For \$10.00 grantors convey parts of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck, His Lordship's Kindness described in Equity #12741. 361.847 acres - same conveyed to Norman E. Ryon by deed dated 4-20-1915 from Co-operative Improvement, Co.

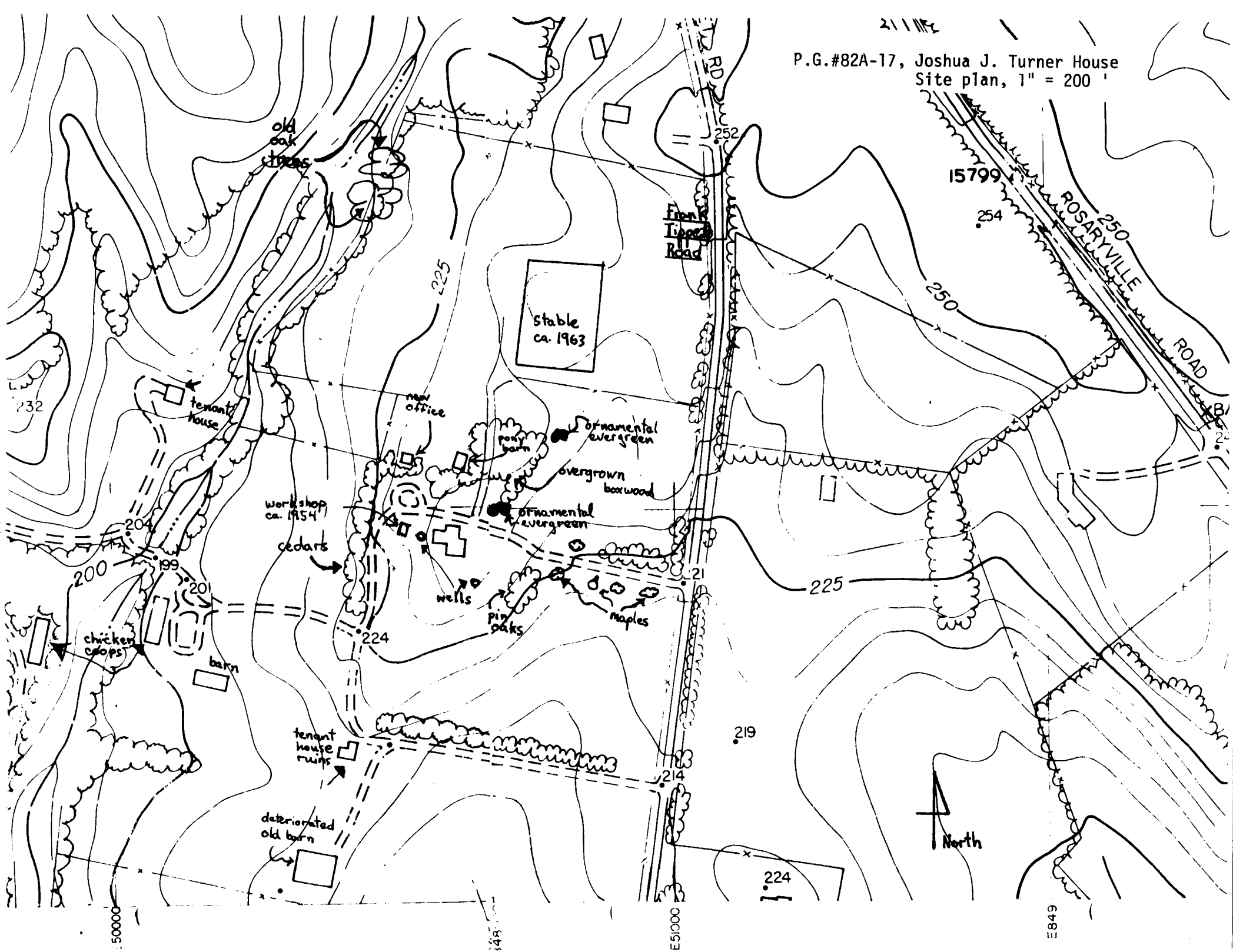
102:400
20 April 1915
Deed
Co-Operative Improvement Co. to Norman E. Ryon. For \$10.00 grantors convey parts of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness containing 361.847 acres - part of property conveyed to grantors by the safe Deposit and Trust Co. et al. Deed dated 9-10-1913, 79:531.

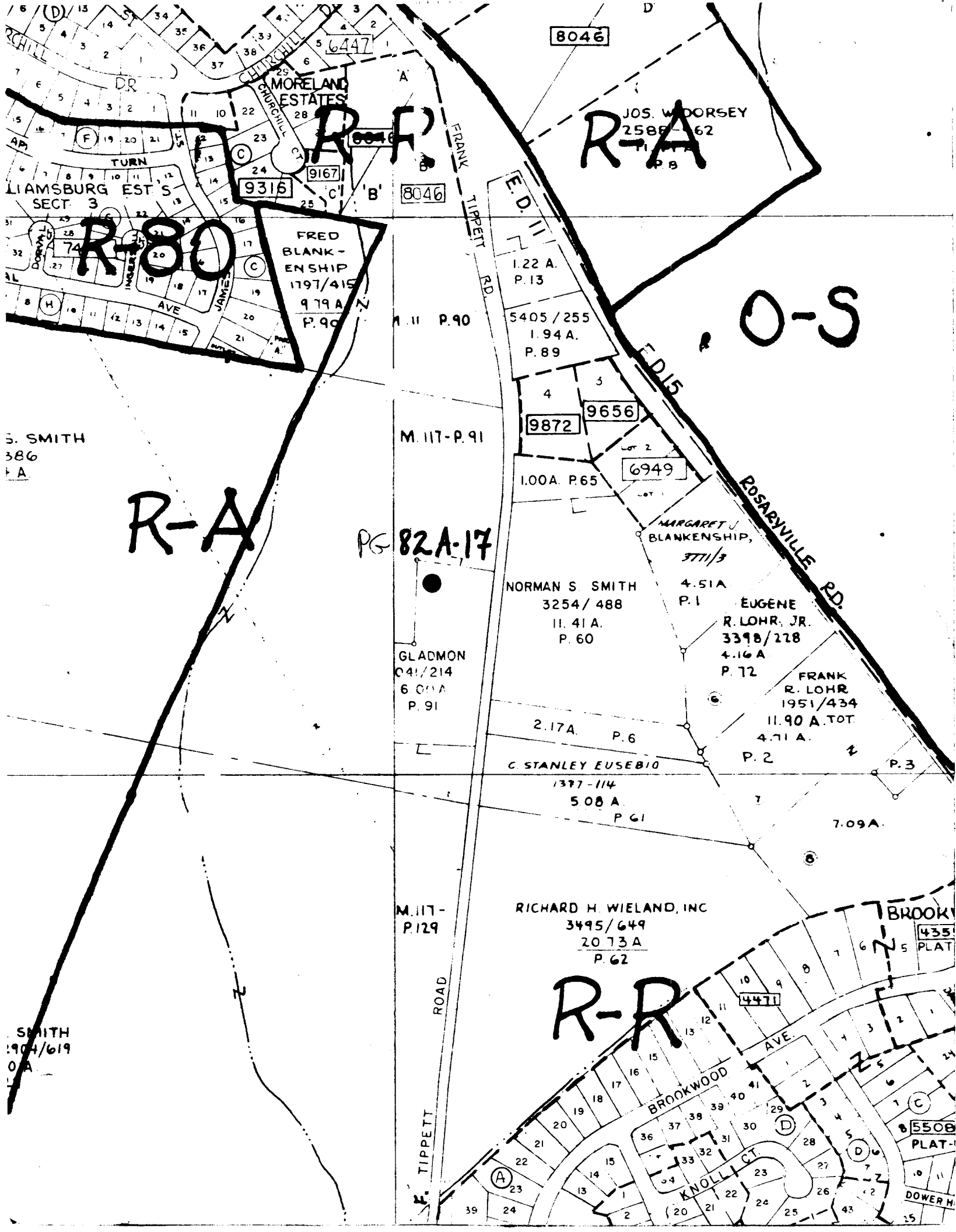
158:90 3 May 1920 Indenture	Co-operative Improvement, Co. to Clark Riddle. For \$10.00 grantors convey a part of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness, same land conveyed to grantors by Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of Baltimore, Trustee, 9-10-1913, 79:531, containing 550.05 acres excepting that part conveyed to Norman E. Ryon.
79:531 10 Sept. 1913 Deed	Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Trustee to the Co-Operative Improvement Co. by 1911 decree of Circuit Court, passed in cause between Safe Deposit and Trust Co. vs. Catherine B. Turner.
#3948 29 April 1911 Equity	Safe Deposit and Trust Co., executor of will of Joshua J. Turner vs. Catherine B. Turner, et al. Sale of real estate because it cannot be divided without loss to some interested parties.
WAJ 1:483 23 April 1880 Final Decree in Partition Equity 1274	The Defendant, John Q. A. Holloway shall hold all that part of land containing 445.45 acres, Lot #1. The Complainant, Joshua J. Turner shall hold 550.05 acres, Lot #2. Plat attached.
HB 14:8 5 April 1878 Deed	Joshua J. Turner to John D. A. Holloway (partnership dissolved) the legal title to 1,000 acres of land called Woodstock and Poplar Neck. To Turner by FS:#4:392.
FS 4:392 18 March 1867 Deed	Judson F. Richardson, late sheriff of Prince George's County, to J. J. Turner of Baltimore City, the following real estate to wit Woodstock and Poplar Neck containing 1,000 acres of land.

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Joshua J. Turner House
July 1988
Floor plan not to scale



P.G.#82A-17, Joshua J. Turner House
Site plan, 1" = 200'







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Jo'shua Turner House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
April 1985
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #82 A-17

Joshua Turner House
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82 A-17

Joshua Turner House
Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82A -17

Joshua Turner House
Prince-George's County, MD
Marina King
April 1985
North elevation
Neg; Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.





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Joshua Turner Hs. dining room mantle

Prince George's Co. MD

Marina King

July 1988

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Joshua Turner House stair hall, lobby 1.

Prince George's Co. MD

Marina King

July 1988

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SCD Frank Tippett Rd From 1

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NAME DERSIN HOUSE

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LOCATION 4106 FRANK TIPPETT Rd CHELTENHAM, Md

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